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SUBJECT:R/V JAMES M. GILLISS - STUDY OF BIOLOGICAL
PRODUCTIVITY, 21 MAY - 7 JUNE 75

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI TO
SEEK APPROVAL FROM GOC FOR THEIR R/V JAMES M.GILLISS TO
CONDUCT JOINT COLOMBIAN - U.S. STUDY OF PRIMARY BIOLOGICAL
PRODUCTIVITY AND ASSOCIATED BIOLOGICAL, PHYSICAL, AND
CHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A SMALL UPWELLING REGION IN
CARIBBEAN JUST NORTH OF PENINSULA DE LA GUAJIRA. UNIV. OF
MIAMI STAFF HAVE INDICATED THAT PLANS FOR THIS STUDY HAVE
BEEN WORKED OUT IN COLLABORATION WITH ARMADADELA
REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA/DIVISION DE OCEANOGRAFIA. THUS,
MIAMI DOES "... NOT ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING
CLEARANCE FROM COLOMBIA", DESPITE EXTREMELY LIMITED TIME
LEFT BEFORE SHIP DEPARTS MIAMI ON 21 MAY.

2. MIAMI REPORTS THEY ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS
CRUISE DIRECTLY WITH CAPT. JAIME SANCHEZ CORTES, COMISION
COLOMBIANA DE OCEANOGRAFIA, APT. AEREO 28466, BOGOTA.

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INFORMATION IS LACKING HERE AS TO EXTENT OF CAPT. CORTES'

INVOLVEMENT IN CRUISE PLANNING AND EXTENT PLANNED COLOMBIAN PARTICIPATION IN CRUISE. IF CORTES AND COMISION DE OCEANOFRAFIA CONSIDER THIS CRUISE TO BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY

UNDER OFFICIAL COLOMBIAN SPONSORSHIP, THEN FORMAL REQUEST BY U.S. FOR CLEARANCE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER MIAMI CAN GET AWAY WITHOUT OFFICIAL GOC CLEARANCE IN THIS CASE. TO THIS END WE SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT CAPT. CORTES PRIOR TO CONTACTING OTHER GOC OFFICIALS. IF OFFICIAL CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED, PLEASE DETERMINE IF IT CAN BE GRANTED WITHIN TIME REMAINING AND, IF SO, INITIATE REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE ON BASIS OF FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. R/V JAMES M. GILLISS IS 965 GROSS TONS WITH DRAFT OF 15 FEET AND LOA OF 208 FEET. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS ROBERT HAGAN AND COMPLEMENT IS 22 CREW MEMBERS AND 19 SCIENTISTS. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. JAMES CARPENTER. BERTHS ARE

AVAILABLE FOR 3 FOREIGN SCIENTISTS. RADIO CALL SIGN IS KI 2XGH.

B. DATA TO BE COLLECTED WILL BE TEMPERATURE, SALINITY, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, NUTRIENT SALTS AND CHLOROPHYLL CONCENTRATIONS, AND PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY RATES. EQUIPMENT AND SAMPLING TECHNIQUES WILL CONSIST OF STD CASTS, PLANKTON SAMPLING WITH PROFILING PUMP, CHLOROPHYLL FLUOROMETRY, C UPTAKE INCUBATIONS, AND UNDERWAY CHLOROPHYLL AND TEMPERATURE RECORDING. INGERSOLL

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